

Spring Term 2024: Fire! Fire!



1839 + Bures School

Emerald City Class Newsletter

Welcome to a New Year!

Welcome back! We hope you had a fabulous break and are all ready for the academic term ahead.

The class team are Mrs Rivers (Class Teacher), Mrs Bodi and Mrs Angier (Class LSA). Miss Pope (HLTA) will cover on a Monday afternoon. As a team we are here to support you and your child as much as possible. If you need to speak to any of us, the beginning or end of the day is easiest on most days for a brief discussion – or if you prefer, please arrange for an appointment for a longer consultation either by writing in your child's planner or emailing the school office. We welcome parents' involvement as much as possible.

Our topic this term is: Fire! Fire! As part of the History curriculum, your child will learn about the Great Fire of London, including looking at evidence, chronology and its impact on London today. In Science, we will look at Everyday Materials and their properties, learning new vocabulary such as flammable, pliable, absorbent and waterproof. We will be making Fire Engines in Design and Technology focussing on axles as well as Fire inspired dance, art and safety discussions in PHSCE. Our Geography unit will be looking at hot and cold places and the animals that live there.

You can help at home...

Regular reading is vital to children's vocabulary development. Therefore, we ask that you ensure your child reads at least three times a week. Please record any words they don't understand, and we will reinforce these in class.

We will be looking at different spelling patterns each week and these will be sent home Tuesday to Tuesdays. If you want more, please feel free to practise the year 1 and 2 exception word spellings which many of you have already asked me for. I will also post these on Seesaw.

Home Learning Ideas

- Create a list of materials and their properties of objects in your kitchen
- Look at the volume each container holds.
- Keep a diary for a week – perhaps half term.
- Write a timeline of your lifetime
- Compare with a parent's timeline
- Make a silhouette of a member of your family
- Record what you know about the Easter story – create a story board

Remember...

Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please remember that earrings should be removed on these days.

Water bottles need to be filled with only **water** and taken home daily for cleaning and refilling.

We will endeavour to hear most children individually at least once a week and record in their reading records. However, be assured that children are also being heard read in SFA lessons as well as throughout other lessons but this will not always be recorded in reading records.

We love to hear what you are reading with/to your child for pleasure at home – please include these books in Reading Records too!